

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1136

A resolution recognizing April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Nashville.

WHEREAS, April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the unfortunate fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

WHEREAS, the objective of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to raise public awareness in regards to sexual violence and to educate communities on how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), in the United States, one in two women and one in five men have experienced some form of sexual violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the NSVRC's theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month is "Embrace Your Voice," encouraging individuals to use words to stop sexual violence before it happens by promoting safety, respect, and equality; and

WHEREAS, individuals can engage in this cause to show their support for survivors, stand up to victim blaming, shut down rape jokes, correct harmful misconceptions, promote everyday consent, and practice healthy communications with children; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to take action to stand against and work to prevent sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in Nashville.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government and Davidson County requiring it.

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